

*The Church of St Mary the Virgin,  
Parish of Welwyn,  
Welwyn Team, Diocese of St Albans*

# **HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY**

## **SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2019**

**8am Said Eucharist  
9.30am All Age Eucharist  
(Common Worship Order 1)**

***Welcome! If you are new to this church please introduce yourself to one of the clergy and take a newcomers' leaflet. There is an induction loop for those with hearing aids.***

*Please join in the words in **Bold** in the order of service.*

**The special collection will be for Seeds for Development**

**[www.seedsfordevelopment.org](http://www.seedsfordevelopment.org)** This small UK registered charity does excellent work in Northern Uganda and we continue to support them from time-to-time. More details about their work is available on the charity noticeboard in Church House. Cash or cheques payable to 'Seeds for Development' will be gratefully received and if you are able to Gift Aid, please use their GA envelopes which you will find in the pews this morning.

We will also be collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the Whitechapel Mission **[www.whitechapel.org.uk](http://www.whitechapel.org.uk)** and details of what they need most is shown on the noticeboards in the porch and Church House. Thank you for your continuing support.

## THE SERVICE BEGINS HERE:

*Please stand to sing the **HYMN***

***(please bring your gifts of produce to the front of the church):***

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.  
*All good gifts...*

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest, our humble thankful hearts.  
*All good gifts...*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**and also with you.**

The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it  
**Let the heavens be glad and let the Earth rejoice!**

*The deacon leads the confession:*

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,  
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of  
the world.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world  
you have given us. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing  
the Earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources  
for others. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest pronounces God's forgiveness*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We remain standing to sing:*

**Glory be to God in heaven,  
Songs of joy and peace we bring,  
Thankful hearts and voices raising,  
To creation's Lord we sing:  
Lord we thank you, Lord we thank you,  
Glory be to God our King.**

**Lamb of God, upon your shoulders,  
Bore the load of this world's sin,  
only Son of God the Father,  
you have brought us peace within.  
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,  
Now your glorious reign begin.**

**You, O Son of God are holy,  
You we praise with one accord,  
None in heaven or earth is like you,  
Only you are Christ the Lord,  
With the Father and the Spirit,  
Ever worshipped and adored.**

*We remain standing for the collect:*

Let us pray:

Almighty and bountiful God You have given us this Earth as an inheritance for ourselves and for the generations to come: Accept, we pray, the fullness of our harvest, and guard our thankful hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

*We sit to listen to this Sunday's bible reading.*



A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy (26:1-11)

Read by Tyler Kilby

Moses spoke to the people, saying: <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand to sing the **HYMN**:*

*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

Give thanks for the sun,  
the wind and the rain.  
And thanks for the crops  
that feed us again.  
The corn safely cut is gathered inside.  
We thank you, O Lord, that you can provide.  
*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

The trees ripe with fruit  
stand proud in the sun,  
we gather them now  
that summer is gone.  
For yours is the wonder, yours is the power.  
Yours is the glory of fruit and of flower.  
*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

So in all our plenty,  
help us to see,  
the needs all around whatever they be.  
With food for the body, strength for the soul,  
it's healing and caring, making them whole.  
*Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field,  
give thanks now to God in nature revealed.*

*Please remain standing and face the gospel:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
(6:25-35)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**



<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.'  
<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of

God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."<sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit for the **TALK***

*Please stand to affirm our faith:*

Let us declare our faith  
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles: this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

*Please kneel for the prayers of intercession*

***Intentions for prayer:*** Shem Biran, Alice Burnapp, Edward Dunsterville, Catherine England, John Farrow, Roger Francis, Charlotte Grandville, Doreen Hakansson, Audrey Taylor and Linda Thistlethwaite.  
***For the departed:*** Alan Plumley, Roy Davis, Brenda Gregory

*We use the following response*

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Please stand for The Peace:*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*We share the peace with our neighbours*



*We sing the **HYMN:***

*During the hymn a collection for 'Seeds for Development' (please see separate notice, and please GIFTAID your offering) is taken, and the altar prepared.*

*1 All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.*

2 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings.  
*All things bright, etc.*

3 The purple-headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:  
*All things bright, etc.*

4 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.  
*All things bright, etc.*

5 The tall trees in the  
greenwood,  
The meadows for our play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day;

6 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
*All things bright, etc.*

*The priest gives thanks over the bread and over the wine:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**



## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Please remain standing throughout the prayer, but sit if you need to*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
In love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your Word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna  
in the highest.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.  
**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.  
**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.  
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.  
May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*We sing:*

**Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace**



Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**



*Please move for communion following the direction of the stewards. All are welcome to come to the rail. Communicant members of all Christian churches are welcome to receive the bread and the wine, all others are welcome to come for a blessing (please indicate this by crossing your arms and bowing your head).*

*During communion the choir sing the anthem by M Greene:*

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: and crownest the year with Thy goodness. (Psalm 65)

*And then we sing the **HYMN:***

1 Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a world without any trees,  
think of a sky without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.  
We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

2 Think of the world without any animals,  
think of a field without any herd,  
think of a stream without any fishes,  
think of a dawn without any bird.  
We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

3 Think of a world without any people,  
think of a street with no-one living there,  
think of a town without any houses,  
no-one to love and nobody to care.  
We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

*After communion we kneel or sit to say the prayer:*

**Great God, you are one God, and you bring together what is scattered and mend what is broken.**

**Unite us with the scattered peoples of the Earth that we may be one family of your children.**

**Bind up all our wounds and heal us in spirit, that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Master and Saviour. Amen**

**Welwyn Tune** – several choristers are being awarded RSCM ribbons today, indicating that they have completed the level of training on which they have been working: Oskar Snell (Light Blue); Aleks Snell and Rosie Lovell (Dark Blue); Sally James (Red).

We congratulate them on their achievements!

*Then we stand to sing **HYMN:***

You shall go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace,  
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before  
you.  
There'll be shouts of joy  
And the trees of the hills  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands,



And the trees of the hills shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the hills shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the hills shall clap their hands,  
And you'll go out with joy.

*The priest says the blessing:*

Now may the blessing of God the Father, who made from one every nation that occupies the Earth; of God the Son who bought us for God from every tribe and language and people and nation; and of God the Spirit who brings us together in unity, be with us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**

The ministers and people depart.

**The organist plays a voluntary – 'Nun danket Alle Gott'  
by Karg-Elert (also see organ recital at 10.45)**

*All are welcome to stay for refreshments in New Church House.*

*Please take this booklet with you.*



**Monday and Tuesday 9am-1pm**  
**Friday 9am-12pm.**  
**CLOSED ON Wednesday and Thursday.**  
**Parish Office:** secretary@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 840964

**Clergy surgery** (particularly for bookings of marriages and baptisms) is open on Saturday 10-11am, when coffee is also served in Church House.

**The Rector:** The Rev'd Dr David Munchin, rector@welwyn.org.uk, 01438 714150

**The Curate:** The Rev'd Dominic Holroyd-Thomas, curate@welwyn.org.uk, 813043  
Further information: [www.welwyn.org.uk](http://www.welwyn.org.uk); 'The Welwyn Magazine';  
Facebook page: St Mary's Church, Welwyn Twitter: wsm\_church

### **NOTICES & FORTHCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE TEAM CHURCHES**

**Organ Repairs** - some essential repairs and will be silenced for a month from **tomorrow Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**. Linden will give a short recital service after the 9.30am service, at **10.45-11.10am**. Linden will pull out all the stops very briefly for a farewell flourish. **Please we need a gang to move the piano and couple of pews, after the 40 mins service at 12 noon – 10 mins max**

**Craftea is tomorrow from 3.30-5.00pm**. All KS1 and KS2 children welcome with their parent/ carer to join in activities, stories, and have a cooked tea with a very friendly group of children and parents/ carers. Please let us know if you are coming email [craftea@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:craftea@welwyn.org.uk). Cost per child is £2.50

**Church Fellowship** will be on **Tuesday 8th October at 2.30pm** in Church House when Vickie Harris will be telling us about 'A Spy in Portugal'. Do come and join us. There will be tea and cakes afterwards. Many thanks Mavis

**Civic Service** – The Mayor, Roger Trigg, is having his Civic Service here at St Mary's on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00pm**. All welcome.

**Ladies Lunch – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm in Church House**. Our speaker will be Rev'd David Munchin and his subject will be 'Alps & Apennines – Welwyn to Rome by Bicycle' and he will be sharing another aspect of his amazing ride. Tickets are £14 including a 2 course lunch. A donation of £50 is made to the speaker's charity and any excess goes to church funds. **Tickets will be on sale after 9.30am service today**. Anne Symonds.

**Community Lunch** will be on **Monday October 28th at 12.30 pm**. To reserve a place please put your £10 in an **envelope together with your name and telephone number** and any diet requirements. Reservations will be accepted from 13th - 23rd October. Envelopes can be handed to Mavis Francis or take your envelope to the Danesbury Charity Shop.

**Faith4Rights** An afternoon conference exploring the relationship between Faith and Human Rights at St Mary's Church - **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2-5pm**  
Free to participate – You are welcome to come on the day, but it would help us with logistics if you could register prior to the conference. Conference details will be sent out a week before the event. Please send name, contact details including email to [rector@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:rector@welwyn.org.uk) 01438 714150  
All welcome – those from any faith or none.

**First Aid** – if anybody has a First Aid Certificate please could you tell one of the Churchwardens.

**Bible Discovery - October 16<sup>th</sup>** 8pm-9.30pm - when we'll be investigating King David's life further in 1 Samuel Chapters 18 to 20, his deep friendship with Saul's son, Jonathan. We'll have a chance to look at our own precious friendships and the sacrifice that sometimes results as it did with David and Jonathan. All welcome, whether you've come before or not. Contact the Carpenters on 01438-718439, email: [gay.carpenter@icloud.com](mailto:gay.carpenter@icloud.com)

**Memorial Service** – This will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 3pm. There will be a list for you to write names down next week OR If you would like your loved ones remembered by name during the service, please email Tina at [secretary@welwyn.org.uk](mailto:secretary@welwyn.org.uk)

**Pantomime** - Get ready for some humbug and fun! This year the annual pantomime is '**Humbug and Joy**', based on the well-loved story of 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. There are four performances in Church House on the following dates: **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm**, **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.30pm** and **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 3.30pm** and **7.30pm**. Tickets, priced at £10 per adult and £5 for under 16s, are available now from Patricia Brattle. To book, please email Patricia at [pbrattle@sky.com](mailto:pbrattle@sky.com) or phone her on 01438 545290. Collection of tickets can be made from her or from the Danesbury shop in Welwyn. All proceeds will go to charity. Cheques should be made out to St Mary's PCC. For the past few years the pantomime has sold out well in advance, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

## **This Week in the Welwyn Team**

<b>Today</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evensong at Tewin</b>
<b>Monday</b>	9.30am 9.30am 3.30pm 7.00pm	<b>Tenterfield Nursery Harvest Service</b> Sewing Group <b>Crafttea</b> <b>Teen Bible Study at Rectory</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	<b>Set up for Harvest Festival</b> <b>Sherrardswood School Harvest Festival</b> Community Café – <b>USE BACK ENTRANCE</b> <b>Church Fellowship</b> <b>Prayers for Young People</b> Panto Rehearsal Bell ringing practice <b>Children and Youth Open Meeting –</b> <b>all those working with, or interested in</b> <b>working with children and young people</b> <b>welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am <i>9.00am</i> 9.30am 10.30am 2.15pm	Breakfast Bible Study <i>Morning Prayer at St Mary's followed by</i> Holy Communion at St Mary's Rector's <b>Bible Study</b> <b>Book Group</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30am 10.00am 8.00pm	<b>St. Mary's School Harvest Festival</b> Knitting Group Bridge Club & Arpeggios & <b>Book Group</b>
<b>Friday</b>	6.30pm	Welwyn Tune & 7.45pm Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10.15am</b> 10-11am 10-11am <b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptismal Prep</b> Clergy Surgery in the Office Coffee/Traidcraft Stall in Church House <b>Ladies Lunch</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>3.00pm</b> <b>6.30pm</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Parish Eucharist</b> <b>Civic Service with refreshments</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b>